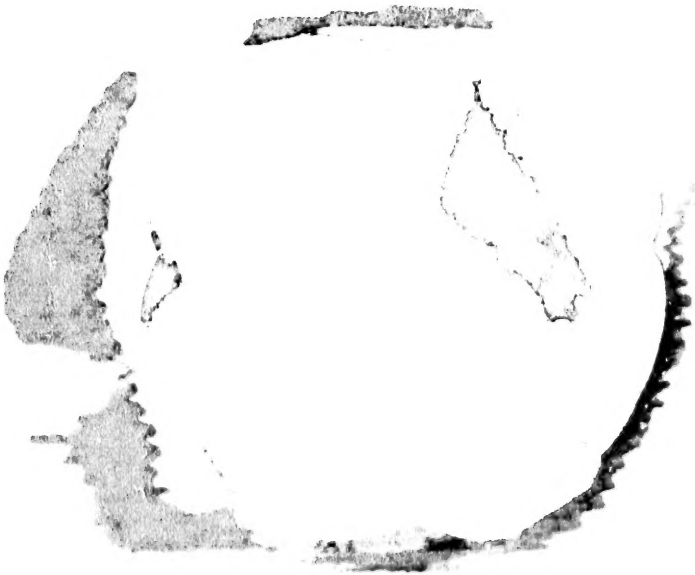

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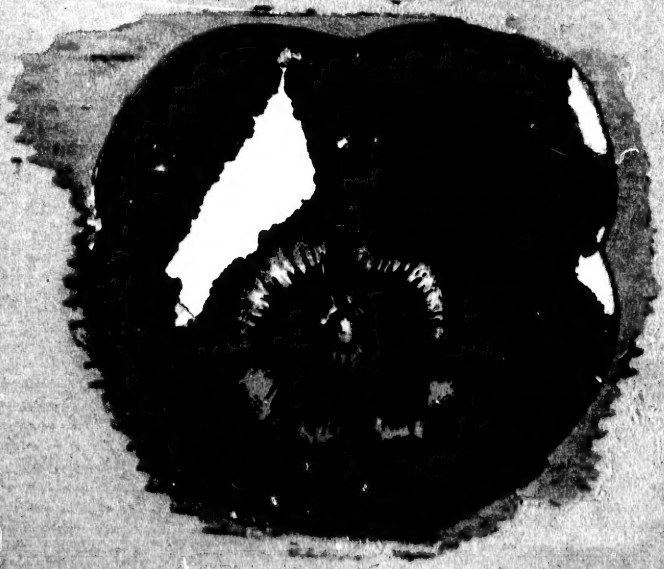

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LEAD me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

PSALM v., 8.

"MAKE Thy way straight before my face" O Lord,
For I am weak, and apt to go astray;
And wander in self-chosen dangerous paths;
And so I ask Thee, lead me day by day.

"Make Thy way straight before my face" O Lord,
For I would place my hands in thine to hold;
And trust Thee ever to mark out the way
That leads me upward to Thine heavenly fold.

I Will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight; I Will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron;

And I Will give thee treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places.

ISAIAH XLV., 2-3.

"MAKE Thy way straight before my face" O Lord,
The way *Thou choosest* must I know be best;
And though it sometimes dark or lonely seems,
Walking with Thee is safe, and oh! so blest.

"Make Thy way straight before my face" O Lord,
That I may never falter, doubt, nor fear;
As Thou hast promised so direct my steps,
And make all crooked places plain and clear.

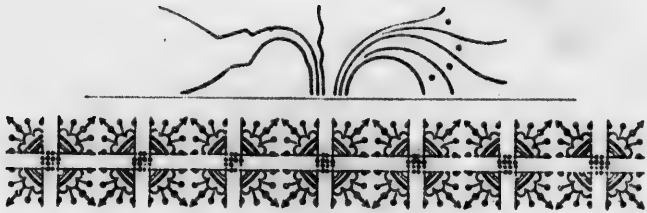
HE made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

And he led them on safely, so that they feared not.

PSALM LXXVIII., 52-53.

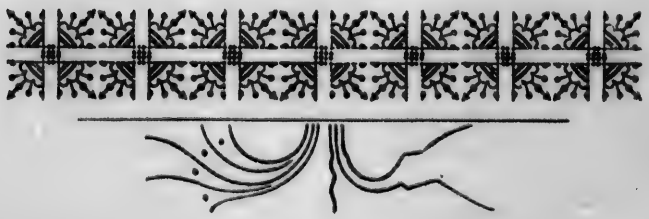
"MAKE Thy way straight before my face" O Lord,
Thy way, not *mine*, oh may I ever tread;
And like Thy people Israel of old,
All through the wilderness be safely led.

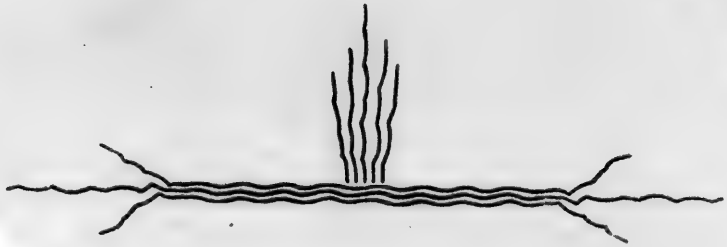
Until at last I reach the "Promised Land,"
The Heavenly Canaan, oh! so bright and blest;
There see Thee, Lord and Master as Thou art,
And in Thy presence find eternal rest.



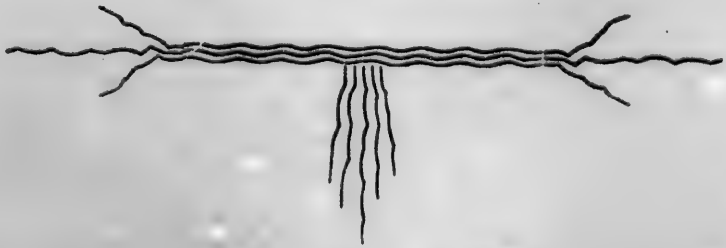
THOU shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

PSALM LXXIII., 24.





AND then in the full sunshine of Thy smile,
I'll trace the pathway that while here I trod;
And see that *all was well*, through sun and storm,
It led me safely home to dwell with God.



And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

ISAIAH LVIII., 11.